

**TO SARDONIUS.**

Lines to the Excellent Playwright, on First Looking into His Musical Comedy, "The Scrutineers."

Aristophanes, who would have think so soon—  
O shall I say surpassed?  
Outlasted?  
Behold Sardonius' mighty shadow raised o'er the harvest moon,  
That lounges low upon the autumn hills,  
Soothed by the unpretentious yet symphonious rills,  
Nor reck of Boreas' cruel on-coming chills,  
O comic vein, metal most excellent!  
O student rhymster, think not to repent  
The time from studies robbed, for 'tis well spent!  
Tell me, could Latin prose e'er bring such fame  
As has this comedy unto thy name?  
Our English thoughts in Latin are but lame;  
The native tongue will do for common use—  
Shakespeare employed the same without excuse,  
Though some may brand dear Bill as loose—aye, loose!  
O fame! O whispered fame! In its mad race  
From mouth to mouth, about the dim, drab space  
Of the Rotunda, canst thou, canst thou not trace  
Its flight, upon each conscious, gaping face?  
Canst thou not hear there whispered "Scrutineers,"  
And know, Sar., thou art blessed beyond thy years?  
O master of the measure that doth please,  
Thy magic wand is shook. Behold! one sees  
Sweet winsome maids come tripping to thy muse;  
(But these aerial spirits no man pursues)  
Some (probably in tights) with conscious simper,  
Others in proper dress and looking crimpler—  
Excuse that term, O Playwright, 'tis for rhyme;  
(My thoughts are still of thou most all the time)  
My dear Sardonius, Olympian gods,  
Lolling on craggy thrones, all beg for odds,  
When they write comic verse and match to thine  
Their stilted, harsh Pentameters, with often varying line.  
No chance! No chance! Gods have no chance to shine!  
If thou shouldst die to-morrow, I will swear,  
The "Nine" would straightway to thy bier repair,  
And fling, unseen, their fragrant tributes there.  
And great King Vance might some few moments spare,  
To offer up a brief, low, pardoning prayer.  
Many a scapegrace sings of human woes,  
Perched on a cliff amid the clamorous crows,  
How few, how very few, indeed, you'll find  
Who can pluck comedy from out the mind  
And send it on the wings of merriment  
To raise poor downcast men from discontent.  
Know ye that genius must be beneath his cap,  
And a faint streak of learning, too, mayhap.  
I've looked beneath thy turban, dear Playwright,  
And found thy headpiece, Genius, truly tight.  
'Tis true, if one the laurels would be winn'n;  
Peasant or king, in bunting or fine linen,  
Must 'tend to business like a spider spinn'n,  
And always watch, by Jove! his under-pinn'n;  
Lest he like some balloon should rise so high  
As evermore to dwell there in the sky;  
Completely out of touch with mortal cares,  
With coronations and with country fairs.  
Full many a night thy sputtering taper gleamed  
Upon the feverish quill and head that teemed  
With many a line of musical intent,  
Crippled, alas! into Life's highways sent,  
Its chill-blained feet in vain can toe-in right,  
To make the comedy both gay and light.  
Sardonius, ranked among the blest,  
About thy head the glory of the West,  
Thou canst draw honey from a hornet's nest.  
While others strain to lighten heavy strains,  
Goaded beyond their powers their

mediocre brains,  
Thou wilt have polished off a comedy  
That will unto ten thousand souls bring glee;  
Making the "profs." to skip like nanny-goats,  
Holding awry their tailor-cut black coats—  
Erstwhile the Glee Club tune their raspy throats.  
There is a power that can't be cultivated,  
From halls of learning never graduated,  
A sparkling spring whose crystal tide  
Never grows weary, as down the meadow side  
It steals along—bringing bright verdure where it goes,  
While gladsome flowrets smile where'er it flows;  
This power is thine, O Playwright!—yea, 'tis thine;  
Thus art thou friendly with the exclusive "Nine."  
It's not an art, is't not an art to write so as to bring to every heart delight?  
Ah! true; it is a wondrous, awful art,  
To win with words some fellow's stubborn heart.  
Ha! ha! a thousandfold more wonderful, I claim,  
To sway by verse the maid, and strike the tender flame;  
To bring the haughty dame down from the "Upper Ten,"  
Unto a poet's rooms, to die with beggar men;  
But nay! nay! nay! an earthly Paradise  
Is oped unto that haughty damsel's eyes,  
What though the daily view be dismal to excess,  
Her spouse can charm her and her hours can bless;  
He can cause vistas tropical and rich  
To rise before her, and can pitch  
The tents of beauty all about that flat,  
Until this haughty dame must wonder where's she's at—  
Throwing her pots of rouge and powder by,  
Striving no more to flit a butter-fly.  
Ye gods! what dark green envy do we find  
Follows this author in the female mind;  
What tangles of affection can we trace  
Upon the Women's "Lit's." collective face!  
In vain! in vain! in all such envious strife,  
For our Playwright is spoken for for life;  
Know ye that he is wedded to the muse;  
On bosoms warm must he refuse  
To coyly nestle there his peach-pink cheek,  
With feelings all too deep to speak;  
Sighing with sighs of largest size,  
Pouring hot streams from torrid eyes,  
Like geysers that in Iceland rise;  
With the parched breath of the monsoon,  
Blowing its hottest—about noon—  
That makes the "formal" maiden swoon.  
Know, ye maids, that this harsh fate,  
He helpless is to regulate;  
Right from the cradle he'd a mate.  
At his first hour he made a date—  
Ah! it was with the muse—  
(Alas! sad news).  
Weaver of the bright mirage, behold!  
How every student bosom young and old  
Is by thy "Scrutineers" controlled!  
Didst see the witching music of the "Scrutineers"  
Reaching the female-plugger-in-the-library's ears?  
She skips around  
Upon the ground,  
Vibrating to the dulcet sound;  
Her arms awry,  
Her "crib" put by,  
I hear her cry:  
"O here am I,  
To dance around  
Upon the ground,  
Vibrating to the dulcet sound,  
I can't resist,  
My limbs to twist  
Into the mazy serpentine;  
Such strains as these,  
In divers keys,  
Will charm the primmest into line,  
Such notes so sweet,  
They lead my feet,  
Nor boots it where my shoes shall stray:  
O blest be he,  
Who charmeth me!  
Be blessing on his merry lay—  
Forever and a day!"

**PRIMARY MEDS.**

It is too bad the Meds. haven't more time to themselves. If they had, a great many more would avail themselves of the undergrad. quarters. Those who attended the reception to the Primary Meds. had a very good time. The third and fourth-year Meds. do not come around as much as previously. It's all over, boys! Nothing doing. The freshies have had their first taste of bone exams. Any night last week, between 5 and 6, you could see 15 or 20 frightened freshies anxiously awaiting their turn to enter. Never mind, freshie, it's all in medicine!  
We understand one of the second-year boys has a fine voice, and we can't understand why it is he will not favor us with a song. Maybe the poor boy has a cold. If he has one, we hope he will get over it all right, and then favor us. The boys are all anxious to hear him.  
A committee of the following: Benson, Todd, and McComb, were chosen to look after a class pin for Naughty Four. We hope they will get something new.  
We are glad to see Bill Hendry once more with us, after an absence of two weeks.  
The Meds should get out a new yell, with the words "Up! up!" in it.  
A game of Association football was played between Varsity Meds. II. vs. S.P.S. II. last week, which resulted in a good tie—0-0. The Meds. second team have played two games so far, and both have resulted in draw games, no goals being scored in either game. Come, second, don't you think you can score in the next game?  
The Mulock games start very soon,

and we understand the Primary Meds. are to take a try at the seniors. We predict a very warm game, and believe we have a team that will make them play football. The Meds. will surely win the game.

**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE**

**THE ANNUAL DINNER UNDER WAY.**

The Junior School Association football team played the Toronto Meds. on Tuesday afternoon, November 12. The score resulted in a very unsatisfactory draw. If our juniors win their protest against the Normals for playing a Central Business College man, which is more than likely, they have a good fighting chance for the championship.  
Pie Morley was off for an indefinite period from Toronto last week. Of course he went to Waterloo, where the attractions in the female line are too strong for him to resist. The happy smile is good to see, and beyond it we can see a strong determination for a great winter's work.  
J. A. Duff, B.A., A.M., Can. Soc. C.E., who is the lecturer in applied mechanics at the School, has been compelled through ill-health to give up his work here for the winter. Mr. Duff is at his home in Cookstown, under medical treatment, which we hope will be beneficial and helpful. He has the sympathy and best wishes of all the undergraduates of the School.  
The regular meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Wednesday, November 13, President Barrett in the chair. Mr. Southworth handled the subject of Forestry in an able and interesting way, dealing with the subject especially in its bearing on the welfare of Ontario. At this meeting H. G. Barber, possibly the most brilliant student in the class of '02, was elected as representative to the Medical (dry) dinner.  
Rugby is in full swing. Many teams are preparing for the Mulock Cup series. Both the school teams have been practising diligently for nearly two weeks, and the game between the juniors and seniors should be interesting and close, although odds are with the freshmen. Their halfback line is complete, and many promising wing men have been seen attending their practices. Manager Evans and Captain Bob Bryce have been doing excellent work. The seniors have a good wing line, but their back division is somewhat of an experiment, and may be uncertain at critical points. Considerable regret is expressed by the seniors at their inability to have Charley, Harvey, and Art Laing out with them.  
On Wednesday afternoon senior S.P.S. played Victoria their scheduled game in the Association League. Victoria came off on top, with a score of 1 to 0. The teams were evenly matched, and the School held their own easily in the second half, Victoria's goal-keeper being a strong factor in their salvation.  
Considerable satisfaction is expressed by those interested at the large list of subscribers to College Topics at the School. The list has increased by over 40 per cent, this year, owing to the great number of third and first-year subscribers. The School now leads all the colleges in Toronto, with the exception of University College, where, of course, the great number of students make a big list comparatively easy.  
Quite a few School fellows went to Guelph on Saturday last to see the big road race held there on that day. E. C. Hallman, who won the mile for Varsity at McGill this fall, won the five-mile road race in possibly the fastest time ever run in Canada. The finish of the race was very exciting, and nothing but Hallman's great reserve of strength put him over the tape a winner. The School extends most hearty congratulations to the O.A.C.—their "sister college"—for the large number of prizes won in the races.  
That "four-thirty lecture" was appreciated by all, and those interested are glad that Principal Galbraith could not locate it.  
At a mass-meeting of the students on Thursday afternoon (not the meeting which Principal Galbraith was trying to find) the Dinner Committee was elected as given below. For the benefit of the class of '01 we may state that every year the School holds an annual dinner. It is patronized by over 90 per cent. of the undergraduates and by all the faculty. It has always had the reputation of being the best college dinner held in this city, and needs only the unanimous support of the freshmen to ensure success again this year. The committee in charge is: Chairman, R. H. Barrett; treasurer, Morley; secretary, Jack Riggsby; fourth year representatives, Brandon and Rust; third year representatives, A. R. Campbell and A. L. McLennan; second year representatives, N. A. Burwash and Pinkney; first year representatives, Evans, Bryce & Co.  
N. A. Burwash was elected the School representative to the Victoria dinner.

**VICTORIA COLLEGE**

Convocation was held on Friday evening, and Victoria's students and friends turned out in large numbers to evidence their appreciation of our good work on last spring's exams, and of the fact that Vic wins her share of U. of T. honors.  
The awarding of the prizes, medals, etc., was one of the first events of the evening, and then followed the unveiling of two busts, of the late Egerton Ryerson and of the late Chancellor Mills.  
Speeches were delivered by Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. Richard Harcourt, Senator Kerr, and others, all along the line of appreciation of the work done by these two leaders in the educational movement of Canada. Drs. Carman and Potts, as also our worthy Chancellor, gave addresses, which assisted in making the evening's gathering the happy success that characterized it.  
Don't forget the Conversat to be held on Friday, Dec. 6th, in our college building. The committee in charge of the affair is endeavoring to make it retain its high character of being one of the leading social events, collegiate or otherwise, of the province. Neither trouble nor expense is being spared in the effort to give to the function of the year the éclat and success that has characterized it in previous years. Already several of the leading musical artists have been engaged to contribute to the program, and arrangements for decorating the interior of the building, etc., are being pushed rapidly forward. We promise all who come a delightful social evening; to students it is one of the great events of the collegiate year.  
Owing to the "Bob" last Friday evening, the Lit. cancelled its regular meeting, but at a special meeting held this week Messrs. Hagar, B.A., and W. G. Cates, '04, were appointed to defend the honor of Vic. in the coming inter-collegiate debate with Trinity. Go in, boys, and win! To the students, we say, turn out to the debate, and encourage our speakers by your presence. Watch the notice board for more particulars of the time and place of the debate.  
Year '03 class reception will be held next Friday evening in the college. Let all '03 students make it a point to come to our own particular event, for whose success we are responsible, and by whose success our social reputation must stand or fall. '03 does everything well, however, and from the reports of the committee arranging this entertainment it will be a novelty, as compared with the ordinary routine of class receptions.  
NOTES FROM CONVOCATION, BOB, ET AL.  
That Hughes succeeds Fowler as "Jerusalem Israel," chief interpreter to the Holy Blossom synagogue.  
That Tommie Green is not always color-blind, at convocation he easily distinguished Gray (fem.) from Gray (masc).  
That Charlie Sessions, '01, came down for convocation to get the Edward Wilson gold medal in classics.  
That the "Bob" has materially improved the behavior of '05, likewise of '04, and so must be sustained.  
That "Bob" Pearson is an excellent female impersonator.  
That "Clever" is out of his place among the undergrads—he is destined for higher things.  
That it isn't safe to say to Joe Gain, "I move that we abolish the 'Bob.'"  
That Harry Fowler held the mirror as one to the manner born, as he said, "Have a look!"  
That Armstrong prefers the part of Romeo in real life to that of Juliet in the "Bob."  
That the chairman of our conversat committee looked happy at convocation.  
That Harry Neville, evening tennis is over, still has business matters that necessitate various conversations in the corridors.  
It is just as true that Vic. men ought not to expect their news to be inserted in Topics, as it is that Topics cannot expect to boom at Victoria if our news is not inserted. Think it out, boys, and subscribe for the paper, only 25c for the year, and worth twice the amount. Subscribe at once, hand

**SENIOR MEDS.**

If Trinity must needs depend on Pharmacy for "a moral support," not only its former but particularly its present condition is truly lamentable. Pharmacy should not be so generous, but rather should it husband all of its much-needed resources.  
The annual dinner given by the Medical Faculty will be held in the Students' Union on Monday evening, Dec. 2. In the past years the dinner has been a great success, owing to the hearty support given by every student. This is the one college function in the year, and as in former years, no medical student worthy of the name will fail to be there.  
Scene—A stately corridor, Queen W., a number of medical students promenading the same. The group reaches a door through which the hostess well comes them. J. Vivien passes through first, and from the farthest corner is welcomed in these words:  
"My own Vivien, thou art come at last, the fairest, yet the ugliest of them all. I have always loved you, waited for you, through these many

years. When the winter winds stole through the towers, I listened to your own sweet voice, and dreamed of happy days to come; or when the summer sun, with its frenzied fervor, caused kind nature to shield me with the veil of sleep benign, we strolled together through legendary groves of old Arcadie. O, Vivien! Vivien!"  
Vivien turned with puzzled brain, and  
"His winter robe around him folding,  
Slow weeps he through the column'd aisle,  
With dread beheld, with gloom beholding,  
The walls which keep her in the pile."  
Do you think it was a good risk, Bob? You certainly played it rather low down on that poor fellow when you looked at his feet for his upper motor segment? Why didn't you turn him upside down and you had it sure? That would be ankle-climb-up.  
There is likely to be a great "mitral regurgitation" at the dinner, unless Bishops' "cough up" a reasonable excuse before that night, for their invitation not coming in time. No doubt it was an oversight on the part of their secretary.  
It may be news that Alex. Murdoch, '02, has the best chance of holding the Queen's Plate. Owing to the death of her Majesty, he will never have another chance for it, so that he intends to enter on all the courses, and with great exertion stay in it to a finish. Success, Alex, and may you get sweet Cap. instead of the Derby!  
The representative to Pharmacy has purchased another lot of books of reference second-hand. There seems to be a little obscurity as to the origin of this pharmaceutical science, but this no doubt will be all explained away at their dinner.  
As a result of a visit to rooms on Gerrard East, very general satisfaction, mostly with German phraseology, was expressed. On "dit a" a great deal of pleasure attended the trip and another evening.  
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**TRINITY MEDS.**  
We are pleased to welcome into our midst again Messrs. Coulter and Mason, who turned up last week fat and smiling as of yore.  
The dinner, it is definitely announced will be held on December 5, at the Temple Cafe. Those who have before attended our banquets there know that that means we are to have a good dinner. In the hands of such men as our committee is composed of, and Mr. Davey at the helm in his department, we know that nothing will be lacking to make this banquet a record-breaker. Every Trinity man must do his duty that night, and that duty calls for his presence at the banquet for the man who only pores over his books and never pours out his soul in convivial companionship and social intercourse, even for one brief evening, not only misses half the sweets of life, but goes down to a lonely grave without realizing what he has missed. Man is a social being, and if he is to develop into the ideal of what a man should be, that function must be developed and trained as well as the others, for any activity that is never used will atrophy in time, and we may find that those pleasures and joys that others enjoy are denied to us not for lack of present opportunity, but on account of neglecting our opportunities during the formative period of our character. So come to the banquet, boys.  
By a curious coincidence, our banquet committee just escaped the possibility of being called a "barefaced" one by the fact that one of their number had sufficient hirsute adornment of his upper lip to disqualify the committee for that ambiguous title.  
The Primary men have finished bone and brain "grinds" and have commenced work on the "real thing," and the dissecting room has commenced to assume its old-time look.

**PARKDALE GRADUATES' AT HOME**  
The graduates of Parkdale Collegiate will hold their annual at home on Friday evening next, in the Collegiate Institute, Jameson avenue. Many Varsity students will be present. They will see that you have a good time.  
**HOCKEY MEETING.**  
The annual meeting of the Hockey Club will be held on Friday, November 22, in Gymnasium, at 5 p.m. All interested in the game are requested to attend. Election of officers for the coming winter will take place.

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